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Visit Indiana Week Encourages Summer Travel With Packages, Discounts **Five Indiana getaways up for grabs May 11-15 at VisitIndiana.com**

INDIANAPOLIS — Visit Indiana Week, May 9-17, celebrates the beginning of the summer travel season in Indiana. Travelers looking for budget-friendly getaways close to home will find more than 250 packages and coupons at Indiana's official tourism website, VisitIndiana.com. Beginning May 11, a redesigned homepage at VisitIndiana.com will make it easier than ever to find travel deals for Indiana attractions, lodging, restaurants and golf, as well as special packages for family fun, romance and girlfriend getaways.

VisitIndiana.com has packages that include an overnight stay and tickets to places like Holiday World & Splashin' Safari (Santa Claus), The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, and the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo. Also included are discount coupons to attractions such as Conner Prairie Interactive History Park (Fishers), The Children's Museum of Evansville, Marengo Cave and the College Football Hall of Fame (South Bend).

Plus, anyone who goes to VisitIndiana.com from May 11- 15 can sign up for a chance to win a getaway to one of these top Indiana destinations: Amish Acres (Nappanee), Fort Wayne, Holiday World & Splashin' Safari, Indiana Beach Amusement Resort (Monticello) or O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis. Everyone who enters the contest is eligible to print off coupon offers from all of these locations.

"Summer is a traditional time for family vacations or time away with friends," said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. "By offering these discounts, we want to help people travel for less and experience great places just a short drive away in Indiana."

VisitIndiana.com is an important resource for planning a trip to Indiana. In addition to the online tools available, free copies of the 2009 Indiana Travel Guide or other travel publications can be ordered at VisitIndiana.com or by calling (800) 677-9800.

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Tourism is big business in Indiana. Each year, Indiana welcomes more than 62 million travelers, generating more than \$10 billion annually in visitor spending.

Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman oversees the Indiana Office of Tourism Development. Amy Vaughan serves as the agency's director.